

Temperatures this afternoon and tonight about same as for previous 24 hours.

First Bombardiers To Be Graduated Here Tomorrow

The Big Spring Bombardier school reaches another milestone Thursday, when it awards commissions and wings to its first class of graduating cadets.

Twelve weeks of intensive training behind them, the first graduates, including 18 from Texas, will be honored in ceremonies beginning at 9:30 a. m. and to be climaxed with a formal review on the post parade grounds following the program in the post theatre.

A limited number of local civilians have been invited, along with families of the cadets, to attend the program which will be featured by an address by Rep. George Mahon, congressman from the 19th district. Mahon returned to his home district over the weekend.

The graduation here will be simultaneous with programs at Midland and San Angelo, which fields, with the one here, comprise the world's greatest bombardier training area. It will be the 12th and largest class for the Midland school, the first for the one at San Angelo. The combined total of the three classes is the greatest number of bombardiers ever to be graduated at one time in military history.



REP. GEORGE MAHON

Chaplain Jas. L. Patterson will offer the invocation, and Corp. King will sing the Bombardier song and the Army Air Corps song, accompanied by the post orchestra. The oath of office will be administered to the graduating group by Lt. Richard T. Allen, and Colonel Ellis will introduce Rep. Mahon.

To be introduced for remarks will be Brig. Gen. Isaiah DeWitt, commander of the Midland bombardier school; County Judge Jas. T. Brooks and Mayor G. C. Dunham.

Following Mahon's talk, the commandant will award diplomas, and Lt. Col. Jas. H. Isbell, director of training at the school, will award the coveted wings. Singing of the Star Spangled Banner by the audience, and benediction by Fr. Joseph Walters will conclude the program.

H. R. Copeland is group commander of the post's first graduating class. E. E. White is group adjutant, G. E. Feraziz is squadron commander, W. T. Wisener is squadron adjutant, and J. L. McDonald is first sergeant.

Representatives from 14 counties gathered at the Settles hotel Wednesday morning for a procedure parley of the Farm Security Administration presided over by Marvin C. Wilson, district supervisor.

Approximately 50 persons representing Farm Security Administration supervisors, home supervisors, and clerical staffs were on hand for the one day session.

Wilson explained changes in procedure in the FSA which is now a member of the food production administration.

Nazis Force A Wedge Into Soviet Lines

Germans Muster Strongest Attack In Several Weeks

MOSCOW, Dec. 16. (AP)—German units slaying hard at the left wing of the Red army southwest of Stalingrad, were reported today to have driven an armored wedge into the Russian lines after mounting full scale attacks bolstered by tanks and planes.

Red Star, the Soviet army newspaper, said the Germans struck heavily and repeatedly at positions occupied only recently by the Russian who had not had time to consolidate them.

Dispatches from the front indicated that the enemy had advanced toward a water line and along an important road, their heavy artillery pounding a path before them and their infantry pushing into salients in the wake of the tanks.

The axis attacks were described as evidently the strongest they have been able to muster since the beginning of the Russian winter offensive Nov. 19, but the dispatches declared there was still no sign that they had succeeded in shattering the encircling ring in which they were caught before Stalingrad.

Some German advanced units in the fresh counteroffensive were even forced to retreat, the Russians reported, but others were managing to hold ground until reserves could be brought up.

The Russian pace on other parts of the long winter front was slowing, moving but crushing, and in the territory west of Rzhev soldiers of the Red army slogged into two more villages after violent battle.

The Red army's offensive on the central front northwest of Moscow, rolled steadily on through snow-covered forests studded with Nazi defenses.

The Russian positions on this front were described as roughly 190 miles west of Kalinin in the Volklik Luki region. Pravda, the communist party organ, said that despite violent counterattacks, several basic German defense points in the minefields west of Rzhev had been captured.

Juarez Cuts Off Sale of Gasoline

EL PASO, Dec. 16. (AP)—Gasoline rationing came to the Texas border country today—two weeks late.

Juarez filling stations which have enjoyed a booming business from four-gallons-a-week Texans since December 1, hung up the no-sale-to-non-residents sign in compliance with the request of their mayor, Antonio Bermudez.

President Is A New Grandpappy

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 16. (AP)—Their second child, a daughter, was born last night to Lieut. (JG) and Mrs. John Roosevelt.

Lieutenant Roosevelt, the president's youngest son, is on duty with the navy here.

Draws Sentence For Naming Son Winston

LONDON, Dec. 16. (AP)—Belgian government sources here reported today that a father in Brussels had been sentenced to nine months for what the Germans apparently regard as a new crime:

He christened his newborn son "Winston."

Rommel Chased 100 Miles

Experienced War Transition Record Session Of Congress Ends Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. (AP)—Work-worn and weary, the 77th congress comes to the end of its legislative life today after an historic two-year struggle, first with the problems of a tremulous peace, then with the robust job of arming the nation for global war.

The house and senate formally agreed to adjourn at the close of today's business, furnishing a breathing spell until the new congress takes over on Jan. 6.

Longest in history, the 77th congress was in session 715 days. The house met on 404 legislative days. Five senators and 14 representatives died during the two years.

It leaves a tempestuous record of pre-war battles over foreign policies, of sharp skirmishes between isolationists and interventionists; and then of sudden cohesion on war measures as bombs fell on Pearl Harbor.

Approximately \$205,000,000,000 was appropriated during the two years, and of that total \$192,000,000,000 was earmarked for war.

Major measures passed before the outbreak of war included the lend-lease bill and legislation to permit the arming of merchant ships, which then were authorized to sail into war zones with supplies for the country's future allies.

Even the step-up of defense legislation seemed slow after congress declared war in succession on Japan, Germany, Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary, and even threw the legislative machinery into high gear.

In the face of the dictators' challenge that democracy is out-moded, congress provided for a two-ocean navy, an army designed to reach a strength of 7,500,000 men, and an air force intended to achieve mastery of the sky.

The drain of the military upon the nation's normal supplies began to be felt on the home front. With it came the potential menace of inflation, so congress passed one price control bill early in the war, later found it necessary to clamp down an even tighter lid.

Unprecedented powers were granted President Roosevelt to free his hands from normal peacetime restrictions. The ban against use of United States troops on foreign soil was lifted. Salaries and wages were stabilized at home.

Laws were passed to protect the soldier's civilian interests, to give him the right to vote away from home, to boost his base pay from \$31 to \$50. The draft age was lowered to 18.

Women were accorded a place in the ranks. The new congress will find the democratic majority sharply reduced in the house, and facing the possibility of a coalition of some of its southern members with the republican minority.

With that possibility, here are some of the issues which the next congress may be called upon to resolve:

- 1. Retrenchment in non-military expenditures.
2. Restrictions on the powers of government agencies.
3. Revision of labor legislation.

Area's Crude Nominations Are Lower

AUSTIN, Dec. 16. (AP)—Texas crude purchasers at a statewide prorotation hearing today submitted total nominations for January of 1,594,548 barrels daily.

Reflecting the depressed market situation in West Texas, nominations for District 8 decreased 6,908 barrels daily from December. East Texas nominations dropped 8,792 barrels daily.

Increased nominations of 10,515 barrels daily were submitted from the gulf coast district, 4,473 from Southwest Texas (District 49), 3,537 from east Central Texas and 2,730 from the Panhandle.

The net statewide increase was 4,533 barrels daily. Commissioner Beauford H. Jester was elected chairman for the next two years at the suggestion of Commissioner Olin Culberson.

Chairman Ernest O. Thompson seconded Culberson's nomination. Thompson reported that the average bottomhole pressure in the East Texas field on December 1 was 1017.12 pounds per square inch compared with a November 1 figure of 1016.34.

The pressure increase for the period was 0.88 pound per square inch. For the pressure period, the allowable was 10,722,720 barrels, the daily average allowable was 357,424 barrels, and the pressure increase per million barrel withdrawal was 0.082 pounds per square inch.

Other Jap Bases In New Guinea Are Heavily Pounded

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Dec. 16. (AP)—General MacArthur's air forces have ceaselessly bombed the Japanese lodged in a new foothold near the mouth of the Mambare river while his land troops exerted heavy pressure on the invaders' dwelling Buna area shore positions to the southeast, advices from the front said today.

Allied airmen also pounded anew the Japanese bases flanking the Papuan sector, the headquarters noon communique reported.

They dropped a number of 500-pound bombs on the air-drome at Lai, on the northeast New Guinea coast, in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire, and roared across the water strip to rock the Gasmata, New Britain, airfield with a dozen 500-pounders. A covey of 12 Japanese planes came to meet them and they shot down three and damaged two others, the communique said.

There were few details of the ground action but a spokesman for General MacArthur said that there was undoubtedly still heavy fighting at Sanaandana Point, northeast of Buna village, and at Buna Mission airstrip, between which Allied troops had driven a wedge.

To the northwest, the Japanese attempted to come off landing barges let down near the mouth of the Mambare from cruisers and destroyers before dawn Monday.

Light and medium bombers had a field day yesterday, dispatches said, daylight revealing that fighters and fighter-bombers during the night had caused havoc among the retreating axis forces, creating road blocks which persisted for hours.

At these points unintended concentrations of Rommel's armored units presented some of the most favorable targets the bombers have seen in the African campaign.

Douglas Bostons, Martin Baltimores and North American Mitchells roared off Allied bases in a daylong shuttle service to hit the traffic jams and the gullies where Rommel tried to disperse some of his vehicles.

Bomber Crash Kills Seven

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16. (AP)—An army bomber, believed to have carried seven men to their deaths, crashed and burned last night a few minutes after taking off from Lambert-St. Louis airport.

Maj. Ralph W. Page, commanding officer of the army air force service command, said nine men were aboard the plane but their names would be withheld until members of families had been notified.

Two men, said by eyewitnesses to have escaped from the burning wreckage, were taken to a hospital. One witness said the plane grazed the roof of a barn before it nosed to the ground and skidded into a farmhouse which was destroyed by fire.

P. O. Handling Its Greatest Mail Volume

Greatest volume of mail ever handled by the federal postoffice was being moved out this week without serious difficulty, but there were signs that the flow would maintain itself if not in increase for several days.

Figures showed Wednesday that 229,241 letters have been cancelled. Thanking the public for "splendid cooperation," Postmaster Nat Shick asked Wednesday for further help from those posting Christmas cards with one and one-half cent stamps. A special slot has been provided for these, he said, and urged it be used.

Mailers can help save other hours for overwhelmed clerks by tying Christmas cards for Big Spring people in a separate bundle. Merchants may aid, too, by posting their first class mail earlier in the day.

At the postoffice in December and that today's volume would send the amount past the quarter of a million mark.

Monday there were 28,961 cancellations as compared with 10,022 the same day a year ago. Insured parcels received for mailing totaled 631, an all-time record; yet there were another 150 insured packages added to this from the air base postoffice.

Tuesday cancellations ran to 26,192, more than twice the 10,325 the same date in 1941. Insured mailings were down slightly to 494 at the office and 174 packages at the air base.

Incoming mail was swelling, and there were from 300 to 500 packages a day for distribution to the bombardier school as well as around 4,000 or more letters.

Receipts for December amounted to \$7,078.27 for the first 15 days, said Postmaster Nat Shick. This was a gain of \$3,445.83 over the same period last year and boosted receipts for 1942 to \$88,226.61, which was just short of \$6,000 more than for all of 1941.

No Opposition In Raid On Buin

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. (AP)—United States bombers, raiding the Japanese installations at Buin on Bougainville island in the Solomon, met no enemy opposition, the navy reported today.

No explanation was available of the lack of opposition at Buin, considered as one of the principal Jap air bases and located about 275 miles northwest of Guadalcanal.

The navy also reported a sixth attack of Munda airfield, under construction by the Japanese on New Guinea, and the wiping out of two Japanese machine gun crews on Guadalcanal.

Henley Funeral At 10:30 Thursday

Funeral services for W. C. Henley, who died Sunday evening, will be held Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Eberly chapel.

The Rev. Dick O'Brien, pastor of the First Baptist church, will be in charge of services, and burial will be at the local cemetery.

No Sugar, So He Goes After Honey

It had to happen—since sugar rationing. A Mexican paid a \$14 fine for damages to another man's beehive when he was arrested by county officers Tuesday for stealing honey.



At Ship Launching—Texas school children representing schools which made best Texas records in the newspaper sponsored scrap metal drive, held the launch of the Liberty Ship, Big Foot Wallace, at Houston Dec. 15. Left to right: Florine Liso, Lovelace; Grover Stephens, Sierra Blanca; Dale Shepherd, chairman of Harris county scrap drive; Corneille Bennett, Marathion, and Riley Lowe, Lowlake. The small girl in front is Emma Jean Gordon of Jefferson.

7 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT... AND I STILL HAVE TO GET A TREE... Buy Christmas Seals

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Downtown Stroller

Nomination again for the meanest man in town is up coming from friends of JACK STIFF, who heard him tell he got into his car one morning this week to go to work and found someone had drained his tank of gasoline.

Received Christmas greetings from Staff Sgt. and Mrs. JACK STARKEY, Jr., of Clovis, N. M. Mrs. STARKEY, you remember, is the former VERA LOUISE WHITTON.

KENNETH DAY, now with American Airlines, is back in Big Spring again after an absence of several years. Mrs. DAY is expected to arrive here this week to join her husband. They will be at home at 1811 Lancaster.

Talked with CONNIE CURRING the other morning and she was telling about bringing in cedar for the USO Christmas decorations. The soldiers will have a big Christmas tree and all the trimmings it seems and the cedar will decorate the rest of the rooms. Sounds like it will be nice.

Mrs. A. S. WOODS received word the other day that her son, WENDALL, who is stationed with the navy at Norfolk, Va., has been promoted to the rank of yeoman first class. WENDALL has only been in the navy for four and a half months, too, so looks like he is doing all right.

Carol Jacobs Of Lamesa Marries Lieut. Pruitt

LAMESA, Dec. 16.—In a ceremony read Monday evening at the First Baptist Church, Carol Jacobs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jacobs, and Lieut. French Pruitt of Austin, were married with the Rev. E. F. Cole, pastor, reading the single ring ceremony.

Following the ceremony, Mrs. Waldon Lindsey played Schubert's "Serenade" and "Claire de Lune," as Mary Jo Forrest and Mrs. Kerl Clayton lighted candle clusters adorning the improvised altar of woodwardia fern and white chrysanthemums.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a floor-length gown of ivory slipper satin fastened with long bodice, deep yoke and sleeves of imported point Lorraine lace. Her finger tip veil of illusion cascaded in tiers from an arrangement of orange blossoms. She carried a white prayer book topped with three orchids.

Virginia Lindsey, was maid of honor and wore a bouffant dress of taffeta. She carried a colonial bouquet of yellow jessamine, white rosebuds and cornflower. Mrs. Pruitt was graduated from Lamesa High School, Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., and is a former student of the University of Texas.

Lieut. Pruitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave S. Pruitt of Austin, is a graduate of the University of Texas, and member of the Lambda Chi Alpha. He is stationed at Randolph Field.

Lieut. Eyrile E. Soderblom, of the Big Spring Bombardier School attended the bridegroom, and Wright Grant Boys and Karl Clayton were ushers.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents.

CALENDAR

Thursday
EAST WARD P. T. A. will meet at the school at 2:30 o'clock.
V. F. W. AUXILIARY will have a joint meeting with the V. F. W. at the home, 9th and Goliad.
G. I. A. will meet at the W. O. W. Hall at 3 o'clock.

Friday
TRAINMEN LADIES will meet at the W. O. W. Hall at 2:30 o'clock.

Nothing would be more appropriate than a Yellow Cab coupon book for Xmas. Phone 150.—adv.

LEMON JUICE RECIPE CHECKS RHEUMATIC PAIN QUICKLY

If you suffer from rheumatic, arthritis or neuritis pain, try this simple, inexpensive home recipe that thousands are using. Get a package of Ru-Ex Compound, a two-week supply, today. Mix it with a quart of water, add the juice of 4 lemons. It's easy. No trouble at all and pleasant. You need only 3 tablespoons two times a day. Often within 48 hours — sometimes overnight — splendid results are obtained. If the pain does not quickly leave and if you do not feel better, return the empty package and Ru-Ex will cost you nothing to try as it is sold by your druggist under an absolute money back guarantee. Ru-Ex Compound is for sale and recommended by Collins Bros. Druggists and drug stores everywhere.—adv.

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Cub Holds Ceremony Tuesday

Large tapers in pearly cathedral holders before an improvised altar with matching candelabra burned during the solemn ceremony held at the home of Gloria Strom Tuesday evening as the final initiation ceremony for Sub Deb pledges.

Courages spelling out the Sub Deb insignia centered the altar table and were presented to pledges by the president, Ann Tabbot, who gave the initial address and pledge.

Other officers taking part in the ceremony were Gloria Strom, vice president, Camille Inkman, secretary, Jerry Hodges, corresponding secretary, Dorothy Sue Rowe, treasurer, and Jeannette Marchbanks, sergeant-at-arms.

Pledges taking the ritual were Marlene Marwin, Louise Ann Bennett, Barbara McEwen, Doris Jean Glenn, John Anna Terry, Jo Ann Rice.

Following the ceremony, a Christmas party was held in the library, and refreshments were served from the coffee table. Gifts were distributed from a Christmas tree lighted with blue illuminated ornaments.

Other members present were Marjorie Thurman, Mina Mae Taylor, the two sponsors, Mrs. Don Seale and Mrs. Burke Summers.

Pledges accepted at the solemn ceremony will be presented at the Settles hotel December 23, at the annual Sub Deb presentation and dance.

Club Meets In Pinkston Home

The High Heel Slipper Club met with Charlene Pinkston Tuesday evening to discuss Christmas parties and club activities.

Committee in charge of a basket for a needy family reported, and plans for a Christmas party to be given at the home of Marilyn Keaton Tuesday evening was discussed.

Refreshments were served and those present were Wanda Rose Bobb, Eva Jane Darby, Annie Eleanor Douglass, Betty Bob Ditt, Billie Ragdale, Billie Frances Shaffer, Bertie Mary Smith, Jo Ann Switzer, Doris Nell Tompkins, Nancy Thompson, Marilyn Keaton, Barbara Laswell, Marjorie Laswell, and the sponsor, Mrs. Clyde Thomas, Jr.

VISITS AND VISITORS

Mrs. Frank Holmes and daughter, Connie, of Jacksonville, Tex., are here to spend Christmas holidays with the W. F. Cushing family.

Second Lieutenant Murian Smith, who received his commission Tuesday at Fort Benning, Ga., Officer's Candidate school, will arrive here Thursday to visit Mrs. Smith and relatives. Lieut. Smith is to be stationed at Camp Wolters.

Mrs. Charles Key has returned from Corpus Christi where she has been for a two weeks visit.

Woman Battles An Attacking Deer

SEATTLE, Dec. 16. (AP)—A 15-minute fight for her life with a man-hunting deer was reported today by Mrs. Mildred Knight, slightly-built teacher of a one-room school on Stuart island in Puget sound.

While she was walking through the brush on the island, a big buck knocked her down and attacked her with his horns. For 15 minutes, Mrs. Knight reported, she fought with the creature, never once regaining her feet.

Unable to get a leg hold over one of his horns, she summoned the last of her strength and twisted the deer head, bulldog fashion, until "his eyes turned glassy and his tongue stuck out." Then she collapsed. But the deer had had enough, and when she let go he bounded away.

Later friends shot the buck and, Mrs. Knight said, "I enjoyed eating my share."

Home for the first time since he entered the army nine months ago is Fred Polacek, formerly assistant manager of the R&R theatres. Fred, has been in the Pacific area, reports that things have been "pretty tough," but that he is thriving on the military life.

Two And Half Million Youths In The Teen-Age Draft Group

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. (AP)—The census bureau estimated today there are 2,479,000 18 and 19 year old youths in the country subject to military service under recent draft legislation. Of this number about 2,210,000 are white and 269,000 nonwhite.

Society

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Garnish With Jewels: A simple dinner gown makes a perfect background for a fabulous ensemble of gold and oriental sapphires — necklaces, earrings and ring.

Shorthand Class Bridge Luncheon Has Yule Party

Mina Mae Taylor entertained the shorthand class of the Big Spring high school with an informal party at the Taylor home Tuesday evening using a Christmas motif in room and table decorations.

Games were played and refreshments were served from a lace laid table centered with a crystal punch bowl, and flanked with green tapers.

Gifts were exchanged, and those present were Clara Belle Woods, Pat Rosson, Kathryn Burroughs, Billie Cain, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Mowrer, Berwyn Tate, Mary Foster, Sara Kelly, Wanda Neal, Lora Moad, Clara Davis, Wynell Franklin, Kathryn Bowles and the hostess.

Pete Smith Tells How To Save Food

With food prices what they are today, Pete Smith is bound to be the hero of America's housewives after they see his new specialty, "Victory Vittles." The Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer one-reeler is at the Ritz theatre today and shows how to economize on food without economizing on nutrition.

The famed film commentator introduces Polly Patterson, the same noted home economics expert as appeared in four previous Smith subjects, who illustrates method of preparing a number of wartime dishes.

The film begins in Miss Patterson's combination laboratory-kitchen-office. In walks one Judy Jinglebrain to complain that the high cost of food is ruining her marital happiness. It seems that her husband likes beef stew but doesn't like it five times a week. So Polly begins to teach Judy how to save money and hubby at the same time by preparing interesting, but inexpensive meals.

Polly first makes a delicious hors d'oeuvres out of two slabs of beef neck. Then she whips up an appetizing soufflé the principal ingredients of which are bread-crumbs and best greens. A tasty whip dessert is made without using sugar or cream.

Interspersed throughout the film are Smith's humorous comments and Polly's helpful hints to housewives on the use of substitutes for those food products—eggs, milk, sugar, cream, etc.—which may become scarcer in days to come.

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Reception Given For Newlyweds

Shower and reception were held recently in the Jay Johnson home for Lieut. and Mrs. Pat Wilkinson. Mrs. Wilkinson is the former Frances Elizabeth Wise of Jackson, Miss.

The couple was married Thursday night at 8 o'clock at the Griffith Memorial Baptist church, Jackson, Miss. Lieut. Wilkinson is a former of Glaston, Miss., and is stationed here as instructor at the Big Spring Bombardier school.

Hostesses for the reception which was held between 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock in the Johnson home were Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Chester O'Brien, Christine Smith and Edna Ellis.

The table was laid with a white satin cloth trimmed with loops of satin ribbon caught with bouquets of sweetpeas and chrysanthemums. The table was centered with vases of white and pink sweetpeas also holding candles. The centerpiece was in v-shape with a miniature-bridal and bridegroom in the center.

Other decorations were baskets of gladioli and white chrysanthemums, and white Christmas tree-branches in blue lights.

In the house party were Helen Jann, who presided at the register, Eva Jean Attaway and Julia Mae Cochran, who presided at the silver service.

Others in the house party were Harold Sandusky, Chester O'Brien, Jr., Mrs. G. H. Hayward, Mrs. Inez Lewis, and Mrs. Jack Assler.

Mrs. Barlow Presides At Rebekah Meeting

Members of the Rebekah Lodge met for regular business at the I. O. O. F. hall Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Lovie Barlow was in charge of the meeting and those attending were Mrs. Lola Forestry, Mrs. Josie McDaniel, Mrs. Gertrude Newton, Mrs. Ella Lloyd, Mrs. Eula Pond, Hollis Lloyd, Mrs. Lenora Amerson, Mrs. Beulah Hayworth, Mrs. Docia Crenshaw, Mrs. Ben Miller, Mrs. Maggie Richardson, Mrs. Opal Tatum, and Opal Pond.

Couple Married Here By Walter Grice

Lewis R. Leay and Mary Johnson were married at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon in the office of the Justice of the Peace Walter Grice. Leay is employed here by the Coca-Cola Bottling company and the couple will be at home in Big Spring.

Accompanying the couple were Marie Chandler and Mrs. Chandler.

Lieutenant Foulks Speaks To Members Of The B & P W

Mrs. Peters In Charge Of Program

A program on international relations was presented for the Business and Professional Women's club at the Settles hotel Tuesday night with Lieut. Arthur Foulks of the Big Spring Bombardier school, special services office, as main speaker.

Lieut. Foulks discussed cooperation between the United Nations as a main factor in winning the war and pointed out there were good and bad international relations. "When relations between countries are pointed in the right direction," Lieut. Foulks said, "peace and prosperity result. When relations are pointed in the wrong direction, wars and depressions are the result."

The speaker pointed out that many men in the armed services now in foreign lands are learning ways, language and customs of other peoples and through understanding of them are in reality laying groundwork for better international relations when the war is won.

Mrs. Frances Peters was in charge of the program and introduced Edith Gay as mistress of ceremonies.

Dolores Martinez and Domingo

Christmas Kiddie Party Planned At Council Meeting

The Parish Council of St. Thomas Catholic church met in the rectory Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock for regular session.

A Christmas party planned for children of the church was discussed, and it was announced that the party will be given in the church hall December 21 at 7:30 o'clock.

Committee in charge of the party includes Mrs. John McAllen, chairman, Mrs. J. B. McWhiter and Mrs. Sims McCranie.

Those attending the council meeting were Mrs. W. E. McAllen, Mrs. Earl Corder, Mrs. J. Julian, Mrs. Martin Dehlinger, the Rev. George Julian and Mrs. Frank Smith.

Castillo, dressed in Mexican costumes, danced and each sang a solo selection, Arnold Marshall gave a solo accompanied by Helen Duley, who was also accompanist for the dancers.

Mrs. Blanch Thomas gave two negro spirituals, playing her own accompaniment, to start the program.

The table was centered with a Christmas scene including Santa and his sleigh and a Christmas tree. Red candles in bronze holders were on either side of the centerpiece.

Special guests were Capt. and Mrs. W. E. Turner. Capt. Turner is public relations officer of the Bombardier school.

Others present were Ruth Griffith, Nellie Gray, Mrs. G. G. Sawtelle, Mrs. Ollie Eubanks, Mrs. J. H. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Edith Stamps, Winona Bailey, Marie Gray, Constance Cushing, Alma Borders, Jewel Barton, Glynn Jordan, June Matson, Maurine Word, Dorothy Miller, Mrs. Fred Haller, Kitty Ford, Ina Mae Bradley, Gladys Smith, Fontilla Johnson, Jewell Johnson.

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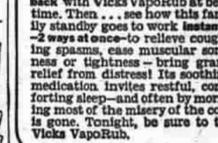
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You'd get tired and thirsty, too. You'd want that extra something in refreshment—ice-cold Coca-Cola. Well, you'd find it in many homes everywhere. You could help yourself at the icebox and be welcome.

You'd find thirst gone and refreshment arriving. You'd thrill to the taste so delicious and distinctive that it stands alone. You'd know you were enjoying all the quality that skill and choicest ingredients could put there. You'd find refreshment going quickly into energy. You'd be ready again to shout, "Ho, Ho, Ho, Vixen..."

(You can pretend you're Santa. You don't have to pretend you're enjoying an ice-cold Coca-Cola. Have one!)



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College Merger Plan Kept Alive

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 16 (AP)—A renewed proposal to consolidate Austin College of Sherman and Trinity University of San Antonio was in effect kept alive by a conference of representatives of the two schools in an exploratory session here yesterday.

The only announced action taken was agreement of the executive committee of Trinity to present "suggestions as to a possible basis of merger" to a meeting of the entire board in January.

These suggestions from a committee representing the synod of Texas, Presbyterian U. S. church, were presented at a four-hour joint meeting with the executive committee of the Trinity board.

The synod group represented Austin College, which is controlled by that church. Trinity University of San Antonio, now operated by the synod of the Presbyterian church U. S. A., is a combination of the former Trinity University of Waxahachie and the University of San Antonio, which was a Methodist institution.

It had originally been proposed that Austin College be included in the consolidation, but Austin was withdrawn until the new proposal resulted in yesterday's sessions.

Prior to the joint meeting, the two groups held individual sessions. Both the executive committee of the Trinity board and the synod committee also held night sessions following the joint conference, but spokesmen said there was nothing to add to the original summary of the day's proceedings issued by Dr. R. Thomsen.

Although the cashew nut originated in South America it is now chiefly raised in India where the Portuguese first introduced it.

Marine, One Other Man Only Survivors Of Plane Crash

FAIRFIELD, Utah, Dec. 16 (AP)—A doughty 23-year-old leatherneck tightened his safety belt and rode out a Western Airlines transport crash that killed 17 and left a second survivor battling for his life today.

Leut. A. F. Gardner of Alexandria, N. Y., and the U. S. marine corps smiled through a scratched, bruised face from his hospital bed at Lehi as he said: "I nearly froze to death, but I'm lucky to be here."

3rd Big Fire In Boston

BOSTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Boston's third disastrous fire in a month today sent more than 65 firemen and coast guardsmen to hospitals and wrecked the five-story brick armory building in the heart of the downtown shopping district with a loss estimated officially at "more than \$300,000" and possibly as high as \$1,000,000.

A detail of 160 seamen from the coast guard was called to aid the Boston fire department, hard-hit by recent casualties and by losses of members to the armed services. Upward-rushing flames were spread rapidly by illuminating gas pouring from a two-inch basement feed pipe, and 29 firemen and approximately 40 coast guardsmen, inexperienced in fire fighting, were felled by injuries and smoke inhalation.

THREE KILLED
MACON, Ga., Dec. 16 (AP)—A collision between a southbound Central of Georgia passenger train and an automobile at a road crossing here killed three persons and derailed the locomotive and four coaches early today.

Girl's Sentence Is Reversed

AUSTIN, Dec. 16 (AP)—The court of criminal appeals today reversed and remanded the conviction of Helen O'Keefe, Houston stenographer who was assessed 25 years imprisonment in the slaying of J. C. Franklin, Houston investment broker whom the state charged was burned to death in an automobile on the banks of the San Jacinto river on Nov. 12, 1941.

Attorneys for the appellant had argued before the high court there was considerable doubt that Franklin was dead and the body found in the charred automobile might have been planted.

The state contended that Franklin met death by some criminal agency and that evidence was sufficient to show there was no reason for Franklin to have disappeared or to have committed suicide.

Trestle Collapse Is Fatal To Three

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., Dec. 16 (AP)—Eighty-five miners who leaped to safety saw a runaway string of coal cars collapse a trestle at the Peacock mine and crush to death three of their fellow workers.

Ten others, seriously injured in the 40-foot drop from the trestle yesterday were under treatment today in the Rock Springs hospital.

100,000 Yugoslav Guerillas Fighting

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—General Draza Mihailovic, the Yugoslav guerrilla leader, has 100,000 men now actively under arms and could throw more than 300,000 fighters against the axis units of occupation if Allied troops landed in the Balkans.

This was the assurance voiced here by Colonel Svetozar Dimitrijevic of the Yugoslav airforce in a press conference.

Mud Hampers Allied Army

By WILLIAM B. KING
WITH U. S. FORCES IN TUNISIA, Dec. 16 (Delayed) (AP)—Sticky brown mud has added a new factor to the Allied North African campaign which now, at least temporarily, has settled down to one of fixed positions while both Allies and axis rush up men and material for the gigantic battle which will be fought on the approaches to Tunis.

The beginning of the winter rainy season, with the resultant muck, undoubtedly has added to the difficulties of both sides but the British and American forces probably are feeling the drag of mud on wheels and tracks more because of the longer lines of land communications.

Track and half-track vehicles which formerly set out across the country with as much ease as on highways now are bogging down. Steep and narrow roads, difficult for motor transport at best, have become a real problem as the rains have softened their shoulders and slicked their clay surfaces.

Tanks and heavy vehicles returning to bivouacs in fields and on hillside have left layers of mud on paved roads, giving them rough, slippery and dangerous surfaces.

Officers say, however, that the number of night accidents has been small, particularly in view of the conditions. Wrecker and reclamation services have been excellent and maintenance depots usually have disabled trucks back in running order in a few hours.

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Four Nazi Planes Over Brit Coast

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Four Nazi Focke-Wulf 190's attacked the English south coast this afternoon and one raider, which approached the outskirts of London, set off a brief alarm, the first in the capital's environs since Oct. 26.

Only one suburban area was affected by the alert which ended, apparently, without incident. Machine gun bullets, however, wounded two persons and caused minor damage to buildings in the coast town.

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Registrants In Mitchell County Are Reclassified

COLORADO CITY, Dec. 16.—The most recent reclassification of Mitchell county selectees lists the following men in 1A: John L. Shropshire, William L. Daugherty, Teodoro Garez, Johnny M. Moore, Robert L. Northcut, Mack M. Key, H. Dawson Christian, William R. Boyd, Tillford M. McKinney Jr., W. Bent Towary, Andrew Willis Jr., and Edsel O. Powell.

Harold Cobb and Alfred K. Madala were reclassified as 1C, John Dunn Jr., SA; Clyde M. Dalton, N. T. Berry, Y. Z. Hancock, as 2B; Frank C. Hayes and Zearl Moore, 4F.

The following were placed in class 4H: C. I. Jeffries, Jenkins A. Hinsley, Byron W. Dorn, Wilbert L. Rucker, Leon T. Parish, James M. New, Willie V. Murphy, Joseph W. Earnest, Moss Franklin, Jesse M. Watson, Cecil A. Beesty, Ed W. Hinsley, Harmon J. Williams, Elmer H. Richardson, Clifton Lettmer, Hiram E. Hickman, Sam Austin, Elmer L. Doss, Edwin J. Mooser, Domingo Rios, Palaska D. Smith, Raymond E. Cook, Byrum Smith, Ed Marshall, Elmo Carter, Frank E. Henderson, and Les Gill.

The group of men posted as P (reclassification pending) includes Luther W. Carpenter, John J. Jarrett, Billie G. Pierceall, James E. Cox, Weldon E. Gurley, Sewell Yarborough, Murrell G. Blassingame, Nat L. Mann, Aubrey F. Lankford, Morris B. Gary, L. Graham, Eric Drigger, Ramon Nunez, Earl G. Britton, John B. Scown, George D. Bloodworth, Royce W. Mahon, John W. Nunn, Buford C. Hickson, Aaron D. Alexander, Rayford R. Staloup, Collin G. Payne, Billie R. Derryberry, Clifford Carpenter, Joseph R. Roach, Guy E. Dulin, C. W. Butler, Arlan M. Tate, James W. Bennett, Wiley H. Holley, Thomas E. Williams, A. J. Barron, Floyd M. Coe, Nelson Gossett, Johnny K. West, and Benjamin A. Greenfield.

GOP Leader Confident About 1944

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Expressing confidence in republican prospects in 1944 "if we can keep our mistakes few and minor," Harrison E. Spangler, the party's new national chairman, paid a hurried visit to republican headquarters today to begin a reorganization of campaign personnel.

"Things are looking up for us for 1944," said Spangler, citing not only the recent election gains by his party but also what he called third party threats within democratic ranks in the west and south.

"From what I can hear," said the 63 year old Cedar Rapids, Iowa, attorney, "many southern states are seething with distrust of the new deal."

"Oklahoma," he added, "is a perfect example of it. A democrat there (E. H. Moore) ran as a republican and defeated Senator Lee in a state we hadn't carried since 1928."

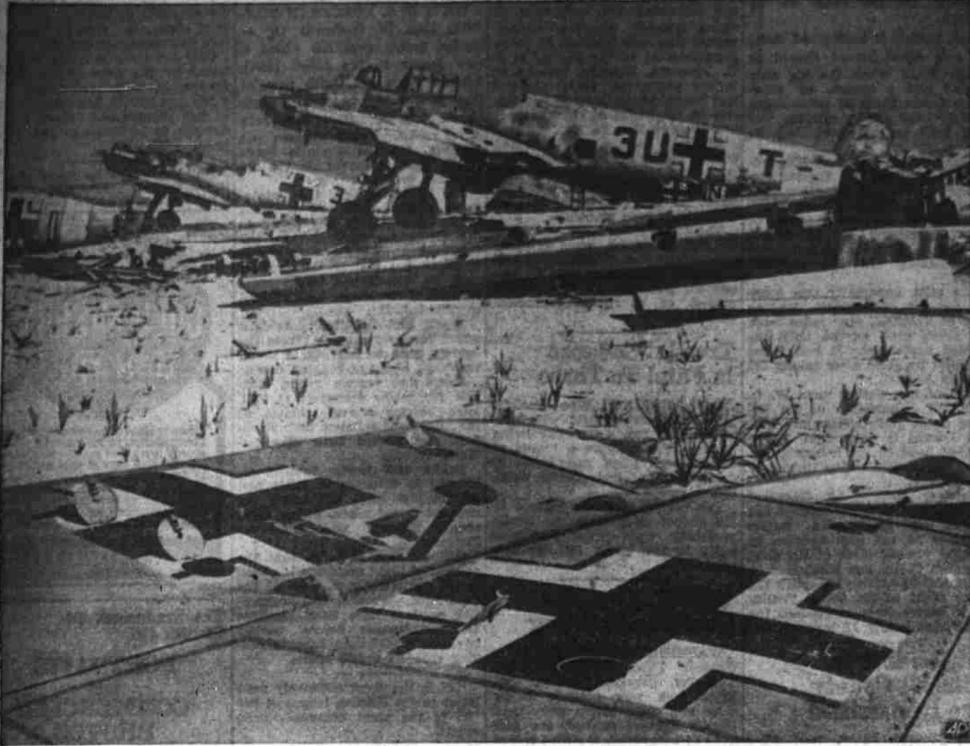
Commenting on the recent speech by Gov. Frank M. Dixon of Alabama accusing the democratic party of "lynching" the social structure of the south and saying suggestions were "rife" for formation of a "southern democratic party," Spangler said: "They tell me the people in the south are much interested in forming a new party or defeating the new deal."

Mine Hoist Breaks, Three Men Killed

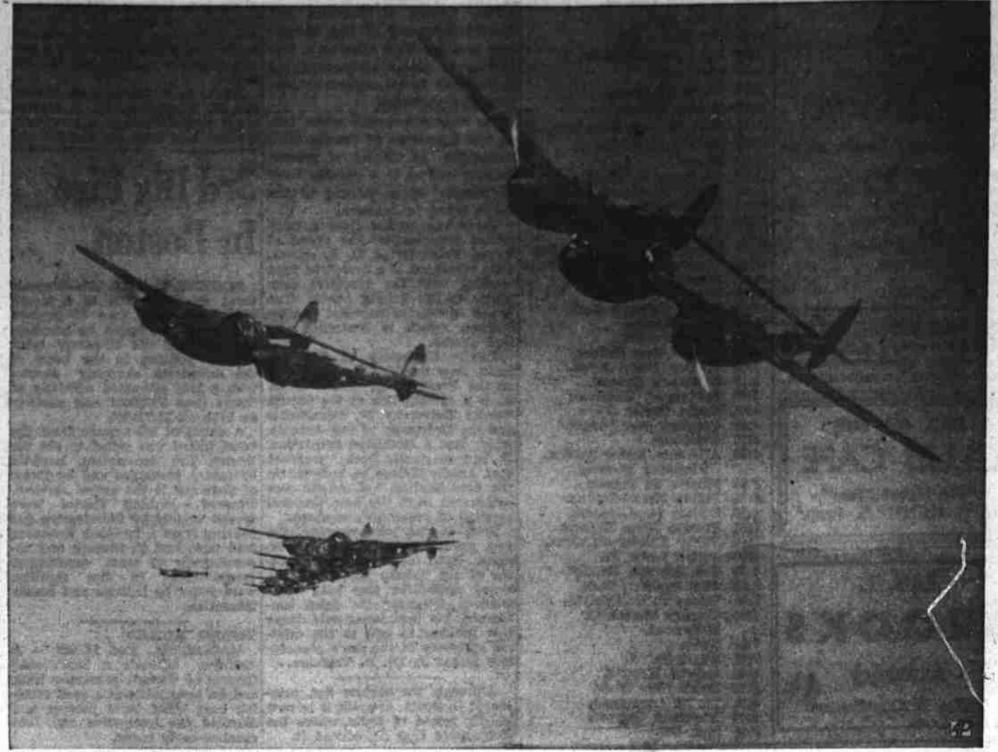
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 16 (AP)—A mine hoist crowded with 14 men broke from its hillside moorings in the Cabin Creek mining section today and rolled to the foot of the slope, killing three men.

Montgomery Ward advertisement featuring fashion models and clothing items with prices: 5.98 QUILTED, 3.49 CHENILLE, 3.98 CREPE. Includes text: 'I saw the robe I want for Christmas at Wards!' and 'See these and others in Wards tremendous selection! All sizes, all fabrics, all prices!'

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS IN PICTURES



THEY'LL FLY NO MORE FOR THE AXIS—Here is what became of part of Rommel's air support in his unsuccessful fight with the British Eighth Army in Egypt. These shattered Messerschmitts lie strewn on the Sallum airport.



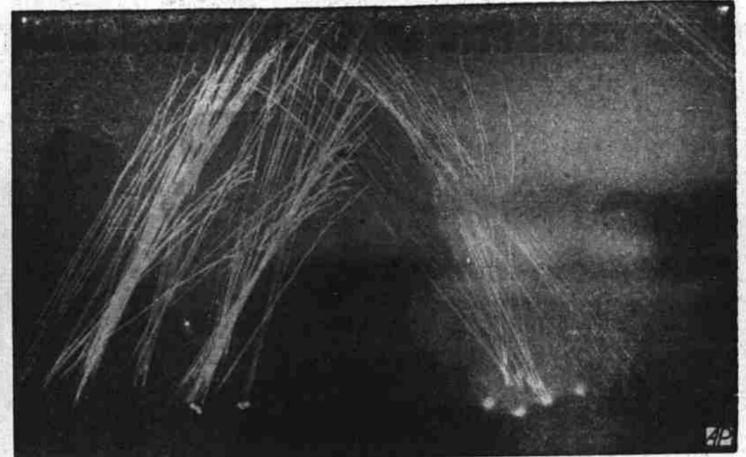
THEY'LL FIGHT FOR THE UNITED NATIONS—Mighty tools of the Army Air Forces are these P-38 Lockheed "Lightning" fighters. Recently they have been used extensively to escort American bombers over Europe.



MOVIE ACTRESSES IN LONDON—In London during a visit to Britain to entertain U. S. troops are (l. to r.) Actress Kay Francis, Abe Lofstogte, chaperon, and Actress Carole Landis.



WHO'S LEAVING FOR THE CITY?— Perhaps suggesting a way to lessen the farm labor shortage, Film Actress Jane Frazee poses in this rural setting to model her play-jacket. It's made from two bath towels.



FIREWORKS FOR THE AXIS—Tracer shells rip into the early morning sky from British warships as Axis aircraft were fought off during Allied North African offensive.



EVERY DAY IS PAYDAY—For these New Guinea natives lined up at the end of a day's work for the American army every day is payday. They help fight the Japs.



NAVY MOTHER— Mrs. Irene Shafer of Glendale, Calif., named typical Navy mother by 8th Naval District.



SCULPTURES ABSENT FATHER— Ann Clark, daughter of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, hero of intrigue leading to French capitulation in North Africa, holds half-completed head of her father which she is sculpturing.



OPERA STARS COLLECT \$2—The golden voices of opera stars Jan Kiepura, Cos Glade and Douglas Beattie (left to right) resounded from a Chicago street corner for the Salvation Army. Collection: Only \$2.



PRACTICE RESCUE IN CHEMICAL WARFARE— Against a background of smoke Coast Guard officers wearing protective clothing, gas masks and rubber gloves, demonstrate rescue work during chemical warfare training.



HEADS SPARS— Lt. Comdr. Dorothy C. Stratton, former Purdue dean, commands SPARS, women's Coast Guard auxiliary.

Sinkwich Voted Top Star Of All Athletes In 1942

Ted Williams, Don Hutson Rank Next

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP)—America's Frankie Sinkwich, who ran and passed Georgia's football team to the Southeastern conference championship and into the Rose Bowl, is the people's choice as the brightest star among all the male athletes of 1942.

Fireball Frankie collected 94 points in the annual Associated Press poll of 69 sports editors, finishing far ahead of his closest rival, the slugging star of Boston's American league baseball club, Ted Williams.

Sixteen athletes drew first-place votes in the wide-open balloting. Sinkwich was named first by only 15 of the voters, but he received 19 second and third-place votes to account for his top-heavy point total, figured on the basis of three for first, two for second and one for third.

Last year's winner, Joe DiMaggio of the New York Yankees, was forgotten in the balloting this time. Sinkwich, a member of the marine corps reserve, got 12 votes in the 1941 poll.

The voting:

Athlete and sport	1st Pt.
Frankie Sinkwich, football	15
Ted Williams, baseball	12
Don Hutson, pro football	8
John Beasley, baseball	6
Gunner Haegg, track	10
Ray Robinson, boxing	1
Morton Cooper, baseball	6
C. Warmerdam, track	6
Ben Hogan, golf	1
Joe Louis, boxing	3
Greg Rice, track	2
Paul Governali, football	1
Willie Pep, boxing	1
Bill Smith, swimming	0
George Kurovski, baseball	1
Gill Dodds, track	1
Walker Cooper, baseball	1
Joe Gordon, baseball	1

Two points—Ted Lyons, baseball; Robert Falkenberg, tennis; Mell Ott, baseball; Les Steers, track.

One—Garrard Ramsey, football; Byron Nelson, golf; Angelo Berilli, football; Ed Dudley, golf; Paul Sarringhaus, football; Don Hudge, tennis; Glenn Dobbs, football.

Lorbeer Takes B'mont Club

BEAUMONT, Dec. 16 (AP)—Ernest "Dutch" Lorbeer, former salaried president of the Beaumont Exporters, is now the owner of the club, which will remain in the Texas league next season if the league operates, according to an agreement reached yesterday by Lorbeer and Jack Zeller, general manager of the Detroit Tigers.

After the meeting of the two men, it was announced that Lorbeer would take over the club and operate it, helped by a working agreement with the Tigers. Previously it had been stated that Detroit would liquidate its holdings in the Beaumont club which included the Texas league franchise on which a value of \$20,000 had been placed.

The franchise now is in Lorbeer's hands. The working agreement with the Tigers has not been defined.

Southwest Cage Teams Winners

By The Associated Press
The Southwest conference basketball teams won from out-of-the-league opponents last night, but Southern Methodist University's Mustangs had plenty of competition from North Texas State, S. M. U. winning 36 to 35 while the University of Texas Longhorns took the Kelly Field Flyers of San Antonio, 45 to 35.

The Mustangs were behind by three points and there was only three minutes to go, but a free toss and two field goals put them ahead. "Blah" Lane of North Texas was the scoring leader with 15 points.

Johnny Hargis of the Longhorns was the scoring leader in that game with 17 points.

Tonight the Longhorns play the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center at Kelly Field. Arkansas meets Camp Crowder at Neosho, Mo.

Over Two Million For War Funds From Racing

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP)—Horse racing, which promised war relief at least \$2,000,000 in 1942, has raised \$2,877,771.31 for various war funds, it is announced by Herbert Bayard Swope, chairman of the Turf Committee of America.

Butts Increases Traveling Squad

ATHENS, Ga., Dec. 16 (AP)—Coach Wallace Butts, who originally planned to take 40 University of Georgia players to California for the Rose Bowl game, now says he may increase his traveling squad in order to have enough men to work against the varsity in scrimmages.

Sports

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Officers Out For Revenge Against Steers Tonight

Starting under a two-point defeat administered in the closing seconds of play, the officers team from the Big Spring Bombardier School will be out for sweet revenge at 8 o'clock this evening when they meet the Big Spring Steers in a return engagement.

The Steers looked better Monday evening in easily handling the 813th Squadron team, but there were indications that this squad was not quite up to the basketball calibre of the officers of the 812th, which previously nailed the Bombardiers.

With such stars as Capt. Margruder, former Murray State luminary and who played with the crack army quintet in Hawaii; Foster, University of Idaho product; Krebs, who learned his basketball at the University of Illinois; Berdelman, Rogers, and others—all former college performers—the Officers are a dangerous outfit, even without as much practice as the Steers have had.

Lack of condition hurt the Officers in their first encounter with the Steers, for they showed considerable polish in their floor work and flipped long shots consistently. Indeed, they held a six point lead with a couple of minutes to go—and then Brother Peppy Blount started a one-man riot that tied the count so Red Cagle could slip through and roll in the deciding point.

The conference's faculty representatives, consistently inflexible advocates of a three-year eligibility rule, agreed last night with the graduate managers that the time had arrived to set aside a policy of 27 years' standing, as old as the league itself.

This temporary lowering of eligibility barriers—it was authorized explicitly "for the duration"—seemed to mean that the league recognized the heavy demand which war is making on the services of the nation's young men.

Board Puts 10 In Class 1-A

Ten men were listed in 1-A classifications announced by the Howard county selective board today along with other reclassifications of registrants.

The new 1-As are Willie L. Taylor, LeRoy H. Martin, Osceola Manning, Willie A. Douglas, Jack B. Nix, Grady E. Hammit, Sealy M. Griffin, Amleto R. Fierro, Benito Orocco, James L. Jackson.

Other reclassifications recorded were 3-A: Emmet Hull, Lloyd Arnold, Edward A. Atkinson.

4-H: Ralph Pierce, Vandle Boyes, James Miles, Lewis Fergus, Albert Jarrell, Bartolo Rodriguez, Willard Thomas, Clyde McKee, Rufus C. Rogers, Roy E. Reagan, Carl H. Tippie, Marvin C. McElreath, Jose M. Vasquez.

4-C: Mayford L. Thompson, Bryan W. Fonteneau, Carlisle C. Whitefield, Willie D. Caldwell, Tom D. Smyser, Guy M. Cravens, Sam Ralston, Robert Kuykendall, Eren Harris, William D. Byrd, Edward E. Gatewood, John D. Gatewood, Frank R. Odum, Willie Ed Tate, Clifford C. Johnson, Albert Holloway, William A. Elkins.

3-B: Morris Patterson, Levi G. McCauley, Luther E. Knightstep, Elmer V. Sorrells, Arthur E. Coughay, Walter E. Burton, Winston E. Kilpatrick, Joe A. Traasen, Olen E. Baldoock, Ernest L. Clanton, Albert D. Grantham, Alvin E. Walker, Herman D. Owens, Jefferson D. Grant, Marvin H. Bostler, Wilson L. Sikes, Bonifacio M. Salazar, Mack R. Newton, James W. Noble, Quentin V. Lebkowsky, Ben V. Nix, Sam Field (3-B-3).

4-F: George E. Carter, Kenneth C. Cowley, David Jenkins, Floyd Jones, Adrian A. Merrill.

ANSON, Dec. 16 — The well-known folk dance, the Cowboy's Christmas Ball, will be staged at Pioneer hall in Anson, December 21-24. The schottische, the polka, the old waltz, the Virginia reel, and the traditional American square will be re-enacted in the pattern of Chattanooga's cowboy ballad, "The Cowboy's Christmas Ball."

This old folk dance will be set in a historical atmosphere. All are urged to make up in the style and costume of the sober 50's and gay 90's. Money prize will be awarded each night to the best awarded couple or individual man or woman, characteristic of the by-gone days. Entire sets from neighboring towns or communities will be appreciated.

Odds Placed On Amarillo, Breckenridge

By The Associated Press
Breckenridge and Amarillo, with heavier lines and boasting more power on the ground, have been established as favorites in the Texas schoolboy semifinals Saturday.

Breckenridge meets the Austin Maroons at Breckenridge and Amarillo goes to Dallas to tackle Sunset. Both games will start at 2:30 p. m.

The Buckaroo edge over Austin is just a shade. In Norman Carey and Capt. John Ray the Bucks have two of the best line-splitters in Texas. In addition Austin will have the homefield advantage.

But Austin—a happy-go-lucky outfit that likes the underdog role—is at its best when the chips are down. And they'll be down in Buckaroo stadium. Austin was a decided underdog against the brilliant Wilton Ferrall and his John Reagan (Houston) squad in the quarterfinals, but stunned football followers with a convincing 19-0 win.

Amarillo holds a big edge over Sunset, not only in manpower but in versatility of attack. Last week the Sandies, meeting a stout San Angelo line, took to the air 35 times, connected for eleven and came through 23.

All four squads are polishing their attacks and plugging holes in their defense in spirited drills this week.

More than 12,000 are expected in Dallas and about 5,000 in Breckenridge.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.
NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP)—After his flying fortress raided the Japanese base at Bougainville in the Solomons, Lieut. D. A. (Rodeo) Parker, former Hardin-Simmons and Brooklyn Dodger footballer, kept talking about the 45-minute maneuver of his ship over a transport. . . . Other members of the crew insisted it was only three minutes and even produced the flight log to prove it. . . . But Parker wouldn't change his story. . . . "I don't care what that thing shows," he argued. "Three minutes isn't any time at all, hardly, and we were over that transport a long, long time."

Today's guest star—Wilbur Kinley, Jackson, (Miss.) Daily News: "The usual wholesale firing of football coaches at this time of year is conspicuous by its absence. The war has made manpower so short that instead of the coaches having to sit up and say 'Uncle' to keep their jobs after a shabby season, it is now the alumni who must sit up and say 'Uncle' to keep their coaches, regardless of records."

Shorts and shells—Branch Rickey really was interested in buying the Pills until he saw the Brooklyn contract, which we hear calls for \$2,000 plus 15 per cent of the profits. . . . During Larry MacPhail's free-handed regime those profits averaged 100 G's a year. . . . The Orange Bowl game may be the last for Denny Myers as Boston College coach. He's supposed to be heading for a navy commission. . . . Stan Loman, the sportscenterer, has been cited by the treasury dept. for selling a million bucks worth of war bonds in his spare time. . . . The national semi-pro congress has listed a national tournament in Australia next year and has appointed a commissioner to supervise it. Now how about getting the winner back to play here?

Service dept.—Soon after Lieut. Cmdr. Thomas Klarking, the sub commander who watched horse races in Japan through a periscope, got back from that eventful cruise he went out to Bay Meadows to watch horse races. . . . When Ed Frutig, former Green Bay Packer end, made his first flight a few years ago, he became a pilot and said "Never again." Now he's an instructor at a naval air base near Detroit.

Colorado Boys At Home On Leave
COLORADO CITY, Dec. 16 — Sergeant Malcolm Mayes, stationed at the United States army air base at Las Vegas, Nev., is visiting relatives in Lorraine and Colorado City while on leave.

D. W. (Red) Black, who has been in a naval hospital in San Diego for several months for treatment for a knee injury sustained when he was on duty at the launching of a navy vessel, is visiting Colorado City on leave.

Pvt. Willie Landeau of Fort Bliss, where he is attached to a quartermaster division, is visiting relatives in Colorado City this week while on ten-day leave.

WESLEYAN WINS
FORT WORTH, Dec. 16 (AP)—Taking an early lead, Texas Wesleyan's basketball team was ahead all the way and defeated the East Texas Teachers last night, 44 to 38.

FIRE AT KILGORE
KILGORE, Dec. 16 (AP)—A fire which started last night swept over a block and a half long area, causing damage unofficially estimated at \$75,000 at the Smith Lumber company and Cameron Lumber company plants.

Nothing would be more appropriate than a Yellow Cab coupon book for Christmas. Phone 150-1454.

Alabama To Face The T Formation

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., Dec. 16 (AP)—When Alabama collides with Boston College in the Orange Bowl at Miami, Fla., New Year's day, it will be the first time the Tide has ever gone against a football team using the T-formation.

Racing Season Next Monday

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 16 (AP)—Taking heart from a wartime racing boom in other states, Florida horsemen are looking forward confidently to the opening next Monday of a season still clouded in uncertainty.

The best winter racing talent in the country is on hand and both Miami tracks are determined to go ahead even if they lose money. Still to be answered, however, is the big question: Can racing thrive in a resort where thousands of soldiers and sailors have taken the place of tourists, and where travel restrictions and gasoline rationing hit home hard?

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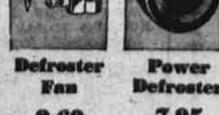
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PSYCHO-ANALYST

Head Hotel Readings 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. I have helped many. Can help you.

Lodges

V.F.W. No. 2013, will hold their regular meeting, Thursday the 17th, at 8:30 p. m. in their new home, 9th & Gollad St. All members are requested to be present. Visiting members invited. R. W. Brown, Commander. W. Ehlman, Adjutant.

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Story

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land. We're not going to lose the savings we worked hard for all our lives just so you can—live in sin with a—

IN THE KILL
Rita's hand shot out to give the weather-beaten cheek a stinging slap. "You can't say such things!" she cried wildly.

"We're gonna say 'em plenty—in court!" Al Michel held his cheek while his eyes blazed at her. "We just came to warn you you're starting a public investigation... for embezzlement!"

The world began to spin before Rita's sick eyes. "No!" she sobbed. Then she felt Clark's strong arm around her. Heard his voice coming faintly as if from a great distance.

"If your evidence of embezzling is as inconclusive as your suspicions of Miss Ralston's moral character, I'd say you hadn't much of a case. Furthermore, when this is cleared up, I may consider doing a little suing myself—for libel and defamation of character."

Then his coolly humorous tone broke into urgent command. "Quick—one of you blundering

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7. Hydraulic transmission training.

See M. Coppage in Room 602
SETTLES HOTEL
2-5 p. m. and 7-9 p. m. Thursday

Short Circuit Is Blamed For Blaze

PARIS, Dec. 16 (AP)—A short circuit from a battery which ignited gasoline being drained by a truck was blamed by Fire Marshal Roy Weaver last night for the fire which yesterday destroyed the Paris Transfer and Storage company building and damaged the Cotton Exchange building.

Weaver estimated the total loss at \$100,000.

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DIES ON GALLOWS
ST. ANDREWS, New Brunswick, Dec. 16 (AP)—Tom Roland Hutchings, 21, former RAF sergeant, died on the gallows in the county jail here early this morning for the murder last June of Bernice Connors, 19-year-old Black's Harbor girl.

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BUT, HAP, WE'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO CAMELOT WITH THESE STOCKINGS FOR PRINCESS ELAINE!

YUM, YUM! I WISH YOU COULD HAVE A TASTE OF THIS!

LISTEN! SOMEBODY'S COMING DOWN THE HALL!

OH—HELLO, HI LO! SAY! WHAT'S THE IDEA OF—?

MOGUL WISHES HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE!

SUPERMAN

THAT'S THAT! I'VE NEVER BEEN SUCH A BATTLE IN ALL MY LIFE!

BEATS I'VE EVER SAW IN THE TRENCHES!

OR SUCH A FIGHTER!

INTO THE GESTAPO GAZI I'VE GOT TO GET YOU AWAY FROM HERE NOW THAT YOUR HIDEOUT HAS BEEN DISCOVERED.

RIGHTO! WHAT STRENGTH!

ALL SET?

PLEASE LET US DOWN, THERE'S SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU.

NEXT STOP—ENGLAND!

ANNIE ROONEY

WELL, YOUNG LADY, YOU MIGHT JUST AS WELL CONFESS—I KNOW THE SECRET YOU ARE HIDING FROM ME!

WHAT DO YOU KNOW? I DIDN'T TELL—

NO—YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO TELL ME—I'VE WATCHED YOU DANCING AROUND THE HOUSE LIKE A HAPPY SUNBEAM—SUDDENLY, I KNEW THE ANSWER—

SOMEONE IS COMING HERE SOON—SOMEONE WE LOVE—BRINGING JOY AND HAPPINESS

GEE, MRS. RANCE—HOW DID YOU KNOW?

THE CALENDAR TOLD ME—IT'S A LONG TIME SINCE I WAS A LITTLE GIRL—BUT I REMEMBER THAT WHEN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER ARRIVED, I KNEW SANTA CLAUS WAS COMING TO OUR HOUSE

DICKIE DARE

YIPPEE, HOLLYWOOD! I'M READY TO DIE ANYTIME NOW!

HEY! I WANT SOME BREAKFAST FIRST!

WHAT'S THE LITTLE BOOK YOUR DIARY?

YEP! PART O' MY BIG HOLLYWOOD PLAN! I'M GONNA GET A FAMOUS STAR TO SLAP HER JOHN HANCOCK ON TODAY'S PAGE!

O' COURSE WE DON'T KNOW ANYONE HERE! BUT THAT'S NOT STOPPIN' D. DARE, ESQ! I'M GONNA GO OUT AN' GRAB ME A STAR, RIGHT NOW!

BUT HOW CAN YOU TELL 'EM IN THIS EYE-FILLING CITY? NOW, TAKE THAT WAITRESS—

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Merchant Vessel Is Weeks Overdue

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. (AP)—The navy announced today that a medium-sized United States merchant vessel, with Lieut. (J. G.) Carl Frederick Zeldner, former mayor of Milwaukee, as commander of its navy gun crew, has been overdue for several weeks in the South Atlantic and is presumed to be lost with no known survivors.

DIVORCE GRANTED

One divorce was granted Tuesday in the only case to come before Judge Cecil Collins in 70th district court. Ruby Ryan was granted a divorce from Robert Ryan.

State LAST TIMES TODAY

EXTRA SPECIAL DOUBLE FEATURE

The U.S. Government

THE WORLD AT WAR

A Picture Every American Should See

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With The DEAD END KIDS AND THE EAST SIDE KIDS

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RITZ Thursday Only BIG 2 HITS

On Guard For Uncle Sam

WAR DOGS

About The Kid Who Sent His Best Pal To Fight

Billy Lee Addison Richards

PLUS

Horrors By The Screenful!

THE HIDDEN HAND

Craig Stevens Elisabeth Fraser

Comments

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We haven't seen anything yet. Rationing of all sorts, priorities, federal regulation of wages, rents, salaries and similar programs inaugurated as a result of the war are creating a system of bureaucracy that is bewildering in magnitude and complexity. The government setup is growing by leaps and bounds every day, every month, every week, every day. It has already become so top-heavy and complicated that the Congress which passes the laws and the President who administers them cannot themselves know what their government is doing. In some cases the agencies act virtually as law-makers, administrators, judges, jurors, and prosecutors. I wish I could make a constructive suggestion hinting at a solution of the problem; but I can't, and I fear there is no solution in sight for a long time. The process will in all probability continue until it becomes top-heavy, reaches the point of diminishing returns, crumbles of its own weight. We are now engaged in the greatest war in our history, a war that we must win, and little can be done at a time like this to halt the growth of bureaucracy. In spite of obvious faults in our system, we seem to be getting some things done pretty well, making real progress in the conduct of the war, and perhaps not doing so badly in view of the size of the task we have tackled. This does not mean that we should not try to do something about it. The people and the Congress can still insist on cutting non-war expenditures to a minimum, some outmoded and unnecessary services can be eliminated, and, above all, we can insist that every new power granted to the executive is so safeguarded that it will, after hostilities, return to the Congress and to the people for review.

Livestock

FORT WORTH, Dec. 16. (AP)—The livestock market was slow but prices held about steady on all classes of cattle today. Butcher hogs were 15-25c lower, mostly 15c lower than Tuesday's packer market with the top of 14.50 paid by packers. Estimated receipts: Cattle 2,400; calves 1,100; hogs 2,000; sheep 2,700.

AAA Applications Go To State Office

The local AAA office has sent in 350 applications for agricultural conservation payments to the state office for approval, the office reported Wednesday. Another 100 applications have been checked and will be sent off within a few days.

Producers will receive their checks directly from the state office this year.

Houston's Cruiser Campaign Nets 44 Million

HOUSTON, Dec. 16. (AP)—The sale of war bonds in the new Cruiser Houston campaign for Harris county reached a total of \$44,162,198.28 this morning.

This amount was more than \$8,000,000 over the goal of \$36,100,000 estimated as necessary to build the new warship to replace that which went down last March in the Second Straits.

Henderson Favors Lower Phone Rates

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. (AP)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson asserted today that a reduction in long distance telephone rates would aid his price control program as he sought to intervene in a federal communication commission hearing into rates charged by the American Telephone and Telegraph company.

Henderson's petition called attention to the FCC order capping alleged earnings by A. T. and T. of from 14.92 per cent to 24.37 per cent on its investment in telephone assets devoted to long lines service. He said that "reduction of prices where profits are excessive is an integral part of national policy of economic stabilization."

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Bethlehem Star Will Not Shine This Christmas

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec. 16. (AP)—The Star of Bethlehem will not shine this Christmas Eve.

Nor will the kaleidoscope of lights with which this Pennsylvania city, named for the birthplace of Jesus, annually has commemorated His coming.

The pale light that shines will be that of beeswax candles, traditional among the Moravian residents whose ancestors founded this Bethlehem, and of steel mill furnaces, shielded from sky-borne disturbers of the Christmas peace.

The streets will be dark, but as Mayor Robert Pfeiffer says, "it wouldn't be right for them to be all lit up when our boys are out in the darkness fighting for us."

The 90-foot man-made Christmas star that shone 20 miles from South mountain and the eight to ten miles of colored lights that drew crowds of shoppers to Bethlehem in the days before gasoline rationing—they will be missing.

"They'd make too good an air raid target," says the mayor of a city in which the steel mills guard every ray of light. "Besides, they'd cost the city \$4,000 to \$5,000. We've turned over \$3,000 of that money to buy equipment for the Civilian Defense corps."

Fuel Oil Supply Declines Further

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (AP)—Further declines in the nation's supply of fuel oils were reported today by the American Petroleum Institute, although the drains last week were lighter than those of the previous week.

Light fuel oil stores shrank 869,000 barrels in the week ended Dec. 12 to a total of 47,794,000. Heavy industrial fuel oil declined 434,000 barrels to 74,785,000.

Gasoline stocks recovered a part of the previous week's loss, rising 1,683,000 barrels to a total of 77,622,000 on Dec. 12.

Refineries operated at 78.2 per cent of capacity against 78.3 per cent the previous week.

Crude oil production averaged 3,881,150 barrels daily, an increase of 46,900 barrels, and compared with 4,109,550 a year earlier.

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Men outside the 18-through-37 age bracket remain free to enlist in any service, since they are not subject to the draft.

Mahon Speaks Before Lions

One of the most fortunate things that could happen to the war effort would be the visiting of congressmen and special administrators among the rank and file of people at least one month out of every year, Congressman George Mahon said in an impromptu talk to the Lions club Wednesday.

He said he had learned more of the problems of administering a rationing program in a few minutes of visiting Wednesday morning with the Howard county ration board than he had in months at Washington.

In spite of difficulties, and in some cases the breeding of lack of confidence, Mahon believed that "we should make the best of it, and muddle through—muddle through to a great victory."

His short talk came on the heels of a motion picture projected before the club explaining the dire need for rubber conservation, which in turn is the basic reason for gasoline rationing.

Lawrence Robinson, president, announced that the annual club Christmas party for Mexican children would be held in the Kate Morrison school at 8 p. m. Friday; that the traditional club Yule party for wives and guests would be the evening of Dec. 23.

Patterson Is Heard On Issue Of War Supply

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. (AP)—Robert P. Patterson, undersecretary of war, said today removal of the production of military weapons and supplies from control of the armed forces might result in losing the war, and described as "fantastic" reports that the army was seeking control of the nation's civilian economy.

In a statement to the Truman committee investigating the national defense program, Patterson said the supply of munitions was a continuous process "from drafting board to scrap pile," and with the armed forces being the only ones who knew what was needed and when, were the only ones competent to direct this production.

On the other hand, he said, army and navy supply services have never been closely concerned with development and production of raw materials, and control of the supply of such materials "is properly placed in a civilian agency, the War Production Board."

At almost the same time, CIO President Philip Murray allied again for creation of an over-all civilian body to control war production and "cut through the quagmire of vested interests." He favored legislation to create an office of war mobilization.

Murray charged in a statement read for him to the senate small business committee that the United States Steel Corporation and Republic Steel were guilty of wasting nickel and that the former's projected armor plate plant at Gary, Ind., would eliminate part of the war effort many small steel companies which had saved the armor plate program.

A civilian agency, he asserted, could "avoid the costly inefficiencies resulting from competition among the several branches of the armed services."

I-A Men May Volunteer In Some Cases

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. (AP)—Selective service headquarters said today that only men in class I-A, or those rated as available for immediate induction into the armed forces, would be allowed to volunteer through their draft boards for the navy, marines or coast guard.

Spokesmen, desiring to remain anonymous, explained "it would not be fair to the army to let men deferred from army induction volunteer for the other services" and said the rule applied to deferments either for dependency or occupation.

Men now deferred who are later reclassified to I-A may, however, volunteer for the sea services if reclassified while the plan is in effect, the spokesmen added. The plan, it was said yesterday, probably would be used until "about Feb. 1."

It was emphasized that no one could volunteer after being ordered to report for induction.

The new details supplemented yesterday's announcement that men in the 18-through-37 age group, despite ban on their enlistment ordered earlier, would be allowed temporarily to volunteer through their draft boards for induction into the three sea services until arrangements for the drafting of men for them are perfected.

The new regulation will make no change in the procedure for drafting men for the army, which always has permitted men to volunteer for induction ahead of the time at which they would be called normally, the spokesmen said.

Men volunteering for ahead-of-time induction into the army, he said, will be sent to an induction center with their board's next group under regular procedure, and it will be up to the army whether they land in the air, infantry, engineers, or other branches.

Men outside the 18-through-37 age bracket remain free to enlist in any service, since they are not subject to the draft.

Take it from Dot Cauble, young bowling sensation, there's little if any percentage in getting one's finger between two bowling balls. Ten days ago she was reaching for a ball on the rack when another crashed into place, mashing a finger between. It was so badly injured it had to be removed at the first joint.

Strutting of D. J. Shepherd, Firestone manager, may be attributed in a small measure to developments over the weekend. A son was born to Mrs. Shepherd at the Cowper Hospital Sunday afternoon. The baby weighed in at seven pounds and 14 ounces and has been named D. J. Jr.

Congressman George Mahon, here to make the graduation speech Thursday for the first class from the Big Spring Bombardier school, was in session with the local gasoline panel Wednesday morning seeking information on the problems which the board has to confront.

CLASS ORDERED UP MADRID, Dec. 16. (AP)—The Spanish army ordered the military class of 1939 today to report for service Dec. 20. This was the third class called since partial mobilization of Spain's armed forces was authorized Nov. 16.



DOUBLE CAREER GIRLS — Showgirl Kay Aldridge (left) is a professor's assistant off the stage and Georgia Carroll (right) paints when the theater gives her free time. They are shown in costumes they wear in a movie.

The Quizzers On Quizzes Put Out The Grand-Daddy Of All Quizzes

By KENNETH L. DIXON WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. (AP)—A 15-point questionnaire was one of 20 extra sub-questions interjected a querulous quirk today into a capitol inquiry.

For this little quiz, it seems, was sent out by the very congressional committee now engaged in putting the quizzers on questionnaires.

The joint committee on reduction of non-essential federal expenditures is probing all government questionnaires in an announced effort to cut wartime red tape. Its quixotic quest brought a round of applause from the people who have to answer the questions—and criticism from the bureaus that ask them.

So one of the boys in the bureau, who for some queer reason prefers not to be quoted by name, brought up the subject of the quizzers' quiz, a quaint and quizzical tale that's enough to drive one to quizz.

Committee records disclosed it was sent out last Armistice Day—in the calm before the current questionnaire storm—and its expressed object was to find out why there are almost as many civilian government employees as there are men in the armed services.

"The thumb twiddlers in our government should be given other work to do," said Senator Byrd, the Virginia democrat who heads the committee. There being no objections, the questionnaire was promptly forgotten—except by those who received it.

It asked each of some 81 federal agencies to list the total number of employees and total payroll, to break both totals down into permanent, part-time, temporary employees, war service appointments and those laid for emergency relief funds.

It requested the number of employees in each CAF grade (don't ask us what that means), each professional and scientific grade, each custodial service grade, each clerical-mechanical service grade, each industrial and skilled trade grade, and the total payroll for each classification.

Committee employees said the agencies had cooperated fully in filling out the questionnaire, although some bureaus had been forced to ask for more time than first was granted.

It seems that answering the quizzers' quiz required so much time that they got behind in sending out their own questionnaires.

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Rent Forms Pouring In

Over 255 rental property owners returned registration blanks Tuesday to the Rent Control office in the first day of registration for all rental property except rooming houses and hotels.

Some 1,500 application blanks have been distributed by the office, R. L. Cook, inspector in charge of registration, said today.

Most of the blanks that have been filled out and returned show few rent raises without sufficient cause, Cook said and in only about two percent of the cases, were unreasonable rent raises shown. However, the 255 blanks returned represent only a small portion of the rental property owners in this area.

Cook again cautioned rental property owners to read instructions carefully before filling out the application blanks as a number returned have been incorrectly handled and will have to be mailed back to the owners for correction or additional information.

Wednesday morning the office received an additional 30 completed registration blanks but many more were expected during the afternoon.

Clerks were busy filling out reports to be sent to offices in Washington and Dallas summing up the work done by the local office since its opening December 1st.

Public Records

Marriage Licenses: Stephan E. Davidson and Jane Clayton.

Alphino Ameday, III, and Marie Charlotte Hofman, Iowa.

Warranty Deeds: A. H. Bugge to Porfirio Fierro, \$10, lot No. 8 in block G, Moore addition to town of Big Spring.

Bertha Moore to R. T. Smith, \$2,000, east one half of lot No. 18 in block No. 1 in town of Big Spring.

Mrs. Dora Roberts to Olen Lewis, \$500, lot No. 2 in block 49 in original townsite of Big Spring in Howard county.

70th District Court: Luanna Boyes, et al, versus American General Insurance company, suit to set aside award.

Thomas C. Patterson versus American General Insurance company, suit to set aside award.

A. L. Thornton versus Mary Lou Thornton, suit for divorce.

J. K. Hughes versus Lovita Hughes, suit for divorce.

Fannie V. Abbe versus Thomas Edward Abbe, suit for divorce.

Start Work Monday On Honor Roster

Printing of names of men of Howard county now in the armed services on the Roll of Honor on the courthouse lawn will probably be started Monday, Judge J. T. Brooks said today.

The lists are being compiled in alphabetical order and the erecting of the board and painting have been completed.

Weather Forecast

WEST TEXAS: Slightly warmer this afternoon. Not quite so cold tonight.

EAST TEXAS: Slightly colder in east and south portions, not quite so cold in extreme northwest portion tonight; light to heavy frost in northeast and interior south portion except extreme south portion tonight. Diminishing winds on the coast.

TEMPERATURES

Table with columns: City, Max., Min. Rows include Abilene, Amarillo, BIG SPRING, Chicago, Denver, El Paso, Fort Worth, Galveston, New York, St. Louis, Local sunset, sunrise.

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